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'The Trigger Has Been Pulled'

Valley Traffic Exceeds Master Plan Limitations; Moratorium Is Possible

Traffic on Carmel Valley Road has grown dramatically during the past two years and already exceeds the limits set by the terms of Judge Richard Silver's approval of the Carmel Valley Master Plan. The result may be a moratorium on most new development in Carmel Valley. Even construction on lots of record could be in question.

The Monterey County Planning Commission received this stark news in a staff report presented at the March 30 commission meeting.

The Carmel Valley Master Plan is the only area plan in the county that includes so-called "trigger mechanisms" to stop new development when adequate traffic capacity, water supply, air quality or septic capacity is not available to support the development.

The traffic "trigger" has now been pulled. The most recent figures show that traffic on three segments of Carmel Valley Road has grown to the point that the Level of Service (LOS) has fallen to the next lower level, which triggers action under Judge Silver's order.

The three segments where traffic capacity is now inadequate according to standards agreed to by the county and stipulated in the judge's order are between Ranch San Carlos Road and Schulte Road, where traffic grew 18.6 percent from 1985 to 1987 and Level of Service fell from D to E; Schulte Road to Robinson Canyon Road, where traffic increased 5.1 percent and Level of Service fell from D to E; and east of Holman Road to the master plan boundary, where the figures show an increase of 37 percent with Level of Service falling from C to D.

(Ron Lundquist, from the Department of Public Works, says the 37 percent figure is probably distorted by an abnormally low reading in 1985. See box for more details.)

Level of Service, commonly referred to as LOS, is the standard measure calculated by traffic engineers to describe the adequacy of traffic flow. It is based on many factors, including the average daily trips (ADT), peak hour traffic, and the width and configuration of the road as it affects speed and visibility for passing. It is

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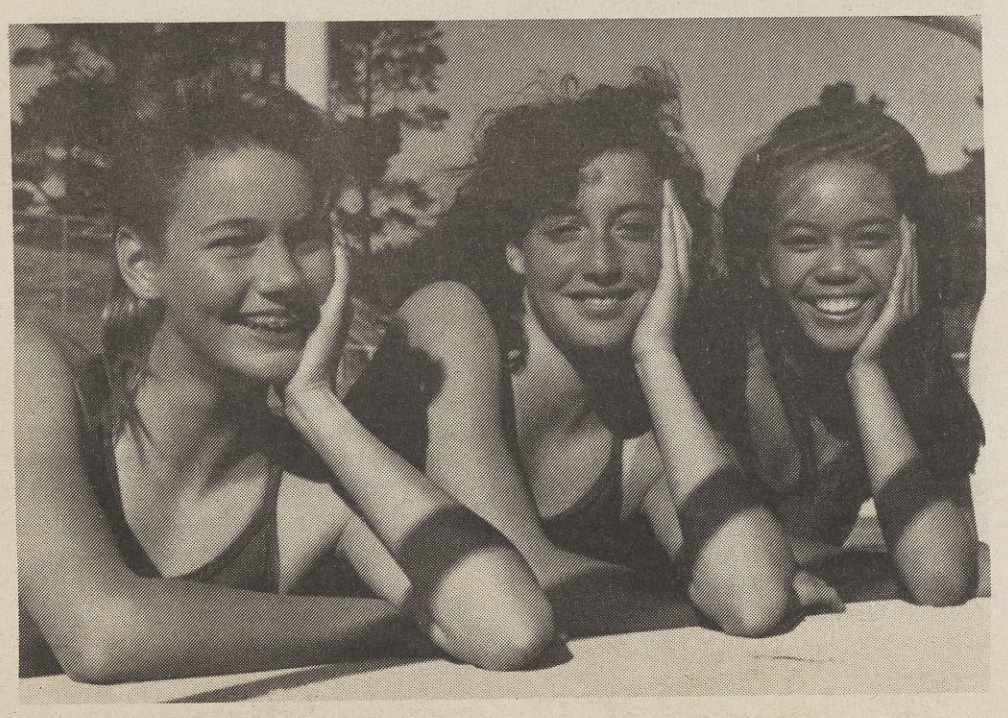

IT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM!—Cypress Swim Club's Olympic hopefuls, from left, Heather Pease, Julie Korper and Desiree Castro, *only concern themselves* with their training programs. Coaches, parents and club officials have instructed them not to be concerned with funding for U.S. Olympic Trials this month. (They progressed so rapidly, they are a year ahead of expectations *and club budgets*, Not bad for 12 and 13-year-olds.) Story on pages 10 and 11. (SUN Photo)

More Valley Olympians!?

Cypress Swimmers Outdistance Club's Competition Budgeting

Three Valley and Carmel athletes will be competing this month to represent the United States in the 1988 Summer Olympics as members of the U.S.A.'s synchronized swimming team entry.

Twelve-year-old Heather Pease, Desiree Castro (13) and Teammate Julie Korper (13), earned the honor competing in the West Zone U.S. Synchronized Swimming Championships in Tacoma, WN.

Carmel Valley's Pease is the *youngest American in Olympic history* to have earned a trial berth in solo synchronized swimming. All are members of Cypress Swim Club.

The swimmers, their two volunteer coaches and a chaperone are relying on contributions from the community-at-large to cover $2500 in travel expenses to Indianapolis, IN for the April 17-24 U.S. Olympic Trials competition.

Donations are urgently needed, and may be made to Cypress Swim Club, P.O. Box 4714, Carmel, CA 93921. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

All three swimmers far exceeded their coaches' expectations at the West Zone Championships from March 16th to March 20th, thereby catching the local non-profit youth activity's treasury without funds necessary for the athletes to make the trip.

Local foundations, businesses, and private individuals are being asked to donate the funds immediately needed.

DROUGHT! What It Means To Carmel Valley

By Dick Heuer

The 1976-77 drought didn't just leave memories of 50-gallon-per-day rationing. For property owners along the Carmel River, it also left bitter memories of dried-up wells, eroded river banks and dead fish.

Now that we are in another drought, will it happen again? The answer may be yes — depending upon how much the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is willing and able to do to prevent it.

The Water Management District has said that mandatory rationing can be avoided this year if we voluntarily change some habits to use and conserve water wisely. That means home landscaping can be protected and one should not suffer personal hardships owing to lack of water in the home.

But Carmel Valley feels impacts from a drought that are not experienced by the rest of the Peninsula. Eighty to ninety percent of the Peninsula's water supply is taken from Carmel Valley. Although the supply may barely suffice to keep the water flowing in Peninsula faucets, it's the Valley that bears the consequences — erosion, dried-up wells and a dying fishery.

This article discusses the impact of drought specifically on Carmel Valley. It does not discuss water conservation programs that apply to the Peninsula as a whole. The Water Management District was scheduled to discuss a conservation program at its April 11 board meeting. Results of that meeting were not available

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Permits Required

Dangerous Fire Conditions Prevail

Due to the lack of rainfall and dry windy conditions, Jerry Partain, Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, has proclaimed an unusual fire condition requiring open burning permits for all CDF controlled areas.

All areas receiving fire protection from CDF are affected by this proclamation.. If you live within areas not protected by CDF contact your local fire station for burning permit requirements.

The Central Coast is one of those areas that is affected by the low rainfall and CDF officials are warning everyone to be extremnely careful with fire this coming summer.

Hatton Canyon

It's Final: The Berm Stays, No Freeway Exit at Rio Rd.

Assemblyman Sam Farr's Hatton Canyon negotiating group wrapped up its discussions with Caltrans on April 1. It approved a Caltrans design that puts the freeway on a 20-foot high berm, or "wall," at Rio Road in the lower Valley and has no southbound freeway exit at Rio Road. At the Carmel Valley Road intersection, the freeway will pass over rather than under the Valley Road.

Farr said, "What I have tried to do over the past 14 months is get out as much information as possible. I wanted the public to be aware of exactly what we are getting when the project is built. We now understand that."

"We also understand that some of the options we thought we had are not real options," Farr added. "We have looked at these options with credible statistics from our consultant, Greiner Engineering, but Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration have rejected them."

Despite obvious misgivings about the design, Farr told the group that he now supports the Caltrans plan. Monterey County Public Works Director, Bruce McClain, has written Caltrans expressing county support.

The most controversial aspect of the Caltrans plan has been placing the freeway

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LETTERS

Freeway Meeting "Chaotic"

The recent Carmel Middle School meeting on Hatton Canyon Freeway was the poorest I ever attended.

Although the very concept of the Freeway is repulsive, I refer to the conduct of the meeting first. Almost every precept or rule of communication was broken.

Let me count the ways.

The meeting started late, which seems to be the nature of most meetings conducted by politicians.

There was no dias nor lectern for speakers, therefore, no focus. There was no PA system, and when one was finally found, it was a one-mike disaster.

The visuals were awful; they were too small, poorly displayed, truly unavailable to the audience.

As to the speakers, there wasn't a communicator in the room! Supervisor Strasser-Kauffman talked too long, and Sam Farr, entirely too long! These two have studied, spoken on, and "cheer led" the subject until, when presented with an audience, they simply sing a repeated refrain. They repeated a fuzzy narrative which had no sequence, nor analysis.

The man representing the locally-hired engineering firm bordered on being amusing, rather than informative. Before the meeting started, he lurked behind a chart teetering on a broken easel, and juggled a carousel tray and his glasses, while extracting slides and squinting through them at the ceiling lights. (Then later, he never used them!)

His constant protest as to the merits of his firm were boring. He continually referred to Carmel Valley Road, as Carmel Valley "Boulevard." He was a PR man, sent to extol the merits of his firm! Members of the audience protested his gaffe, and he finally named the Carmel Valley Road properly.

The CalTrans man was more modest. In fact, too modest. He stood about waiting his turn to speak, wearing a hang dog look which he maintained all evening. He looked like a man who knew he was the bearer of sad tidings. He read a prepared statement and made modest efforts to tout CalTrans' designs over those of the aforementioned PR man.

On occasion, Sam Farr hinted that there were Federal Highwaymen infiltrated into the group, but they seem to have kept a low profile.

I now realize why the meeting appeared so casual — so unplanned. Farr and Strasser Kauffman didn't think it was important! After all, it's a fait accompli! (So let's us pretend that we are seeking citizen reactions.)

At one point, Sam Farr tossed a 'sop' to the audience, announcing that CalTrans had generously volunteered to 'toss in' a million dollars of landscaping to conceal the monstrosity after constructing it. Actually, that's OUR money!

I shall not attend the dedication celebrating the opening of the completed Freeway. But I certainly hope that Cal Trans will name the new Freeway, either Karen's Katastrophe, or better yet, Farr's Freeway Folly. That's a better alliteration.

A Kenneth Yost

Burning Favored

I have read with interest the pros and cons regarding backyard burning because for many years, by burning, I have kept my two-acre Upper Circle property reasonably clear of tree trimmings and garden cuttings.

Not once has one of my neighbors complained to me or, as far as I know, to anyone about smoke from my fires.

Perhaps the do-gooders who want to become involved in "civic affairs" want to have their voices heard. Hence all the fuss.

Perhaps they haven't learned that the Air Pollution Control District has the authority to tell us when we can burn and when we can't, and they frequently tell us "no," because of atmospheric conditions.

Perhaps the do-gooders haven't noticed that every day around noon we are blessed with breezes that come up to clear the air.

Almost every year when I start my fire some mice move out of the pile and head for more distant areas. I feel sorry for them because they would rather stay in the trash pile, multiply, safely raise their families and live in the community.

If we don't keep our grounds clear the do-gooders will descend on Bob Heald at the Fire Department and demand that he do something about the fire hazards.

Next stop: Walter Wong, Director of Environmental Health in Salinas with a petition that something be done about the increase in rats, mice, and insect pests.

Next petition: No fires in fireplaces.

Let's know when we are well off and keep our environment clean and ourselves free from more bureaucracy.

Norm Miller

Valley Moaners

Come one, come all to Carmel Valley.

Bring us your respiratory problems—then ask us to ban outdoor burning which has been a very important part of fire prevention in the Valley for decades.

Bring us your three-and-four-car life style— then gripe about the traffic.

Build or buy in the river bed—then beg for help when you get flooded.

Build on old landslide areas on steep slopes—then scream when you lose your homes.

Build or buy just down stream from an obsolete and silted dam—then complain when necessary work is planned for that site.

Yes, come one, come all to Carmel Valley.

(I've been on the Peninsula since 1939, in the Valley since 1970.)

Marvin C. Pylate

Speeding? on CV Road?

An endless series of public forums on the subject of raising money to buy the CHP a radar unit to help stop speeding on Carmel Valley Road, what's the world coming to?

If everyone who ever attended a meeting in support of this racy issue just kicked in a buck an hour, this useless object would already be installed in a black and white.

For What?

Have you ever tried to speed on Carmel Valley Road? The old folks have it so clogged up with their big cars you're lucky to be going 50 mph instead of the 55 mile limit.

I've got nothing against old folks because I'm speeding to "senior status" myself, but I'll bet the price of the radar unit that for every driver going 5 to 10 mph over the limit there are 5 to 10 going under the limit, many by as much as 10 to 25 mph, backing up long lines of cars.

When the limit drops to 45, they have to speed up to be legal. There are far more drivers violating the law by going too slow than too fast.

More accidents are caused by these moving roadblocks all but forcing driver's to try and pass on an already crowded road, than by all the speeders combined since the speed limit went down to 55 and was declared unconstitutional by Monterey County Supreme Court Judge William Burleigh.

Forget it CVPOA members. Either put up or shut up and move on to something of real importance — like low cost housing in Carmel Valley.

Now that's a subject that has been kicking around for a quarter of a century.

It's one of the slowest moving subjects speeding to nowhere you're ever going to find anywhere!

John Hallisey

(Ed. Note—State traffic code *requires* any motorist with five or more vehicles "stacked up" behind, to get off the road and allow all these *obstructed* vehicles to pass.

Theoretically this section of the traffic code carries equal force with those dealing with "excess speed." However, while the obvious violation of that code provision is more apparent on C.V. Road, Highway 68 and other area two-lane arteries, enforcement is clearly almost nonexistent.)

Please Follow Rules On Letters to Editor

Several recent letters have prompted us to publish the following ground rules for Letters to the Editor.

1. All letters must be signed and should include both mailing address and phone number. Anonymous letters, or letters where authorship cannot be verified, will not be printed. The phone number is very helpful in case we have to contact the writer about the letter.
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Silver Anniversary

CV Garden Association Spring Show May 1st

Carmel Valley Garden Association's 25th Flower Show is Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley and Ford Roads. Admission is free.

Amy Allen of Carmel Valley is general chairperson for the event with a theme of "America the Beautiful". All flowers displayed are grown in the Valley and come primarily from association members' homes.

However, entries from the public are welcome but must be at Hidden Valley Saturday, April 30 between 8 and 11 a.m. The show will have four categories of flowers and plants to be judged for prizes.

Categories are:

A. Artist Arrangement
B. Container Plants
C. Cut Flowers
D. Cut Rose Specimens.

Judging will be done by six Peninsula garden experts. The public will vote for the Show Favorite.

There also will be a Silent Auction and a Plant Sale. All proceeds from this one day show will be contributed to Carmel Valley organizations that enhance the area's quality of life.

A preview for members and guests will be Saturday evening April 30 following the afternoon judging. For further information call 659-2410.

Chateau Julien Hosting Art in the Vineyards

Chateau Julien Winery in Carmel Valley again will host "Art In The Vineyards," an arts and crafts exhibit and sale, April 16 and 17.

Artists and craftsmen from Northern and Central California will present creations, and Chateau Julien will pour wine samples for visitors.

Wildlife sculpture by Gerald Balciar will be featured. Awarded six times by the National Sculpture Society, Balciar combines an engineer's painstaking precision with artist's technique and orginality. He is listed in "Who's Who in American Art."

Artists include Jack Wall of Carmel with wildlife paintings, watercolors by J. Krogh Colwell and Barbara Reaney, Ceramic Sculpture by Si Bon, Porcelain Jewelry by Jayne Thomas, Ceramics by Deborah Esrock, area photographs by Robert Meetin, antique photos by Ron and Trish Packard, fountains by Jayne Hawly, country pottery by David Becher of Carmel, and handmade flower creations by Sulisa.

The event is free and open to the public Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 8940 Carmel Valley Road. Telephone 624-2600.

Stonepine Resort To Host April 19 Chamber Mixer

A members-and-guests-only mixer for Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce will be hosted by Dirk Oldenberg Stonepine Resort, Tuesday, April 19.

Reservations are required for the 5:30-7:30 p.m. April mixer social.

The public is invited to the April 21 Chamber luncheon at the Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club (Quail Lodge).

Nick Lombardo, Water Management District Board chairman, will present an update on water issues.

Luncheon costs are $13 for non-members, $12 for members.

Reservations are required for both.

Contact Executive Director Ann Olivier at the C.V. Chamber of Commerce office at 659-4000.

New Babies

Nichole Christine, daughter, born to **Deann and Darrell Maday,** April 4.

Samantha Ann, daughter, born to **Cynthia and Michael E. Clark,** March 30.

Alex Kaulu, son, born to **Cora and Stephen Knox,** March 27. Maternal Grandparents are Mamie and Stan Neublin of Robles delRio.

Adam Carl, son, born to **Susan and Kevin Knapp,** March 21.

Betty and Joe McAndrews Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Carmel Valley residents Betty and Joe McAndrews were feted in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 31 by Linda and Jim Ingram of Hitchcock Canyon. The couple came to this area from Ohio over twelve years ago and, although "retired," remain active in volunteer work throughout the area.

Attending the potluck event in addition to the hosts were, alphabetically, Mary and Leo Berta, Sharon Campbell, Sally Dane, Grace Darcy, Jean and Ray Danielson, Mary Edwards, Carol and Kristen Edwards, Irmgard and Jerry Feldon, Mary Guilford, Shanti Heard, Linda Tedrow Ingram, Sadiah Kvenild, Florence Naslund, Anne Rose, Phyllis Shultz, Vera Stokes, and Anne-Marie and Egon Werdelman.

The happy couple jointly cut an anniversary cake specially baked for the occasion by Sharon Campbell, a chef for Creme de la Creme Bakeries. In addition to individual gifts, Betty and Joe McAndrews were presented with a "money tree" decorated with fifty one dollar bills and constructed by Egon Werdelman from contributions by those present.

Contractors' Alliance Meeting April 13

A membership meeting for Carmel Valley Contractor's Alliance will be *Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at C.V. Trail and Saddle Club. Members and* those interested in joining are invited to the meeting.

Vera Meyer, Volunteer Of The Year For SPCA/Humane Society

Vera Meyer, a 20 year resident of Carmel Valley, was named Monterey County SPCA/Humane Society Volunteer of the Year at the Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon recently. She received an engraved plaque and framed resolution from the State of California through the office of Assemblyman Sam Farr.

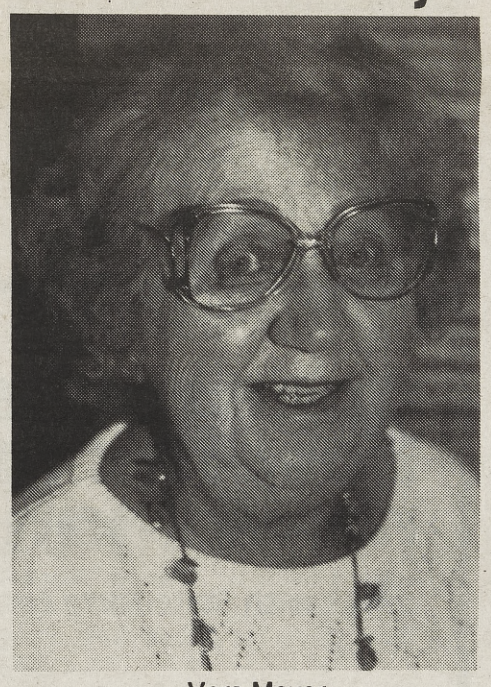
Ms. Meyer was recognized for her ten years of exemplary service as manager of the SPCA Benefit Shop on Delfino Place in Carmel Valley and for her love of animals and humankind.

A warm, delightful woman with bright blue eyes, Vera Meyer started her SPCA career when, ten years ago, she dropped by the then newly-opened shop to buy something.

"I was recruited on the spot, and I've been here ever since," she laughed.

She credits her husband, Bill Meyer, for helping her with her work at the Benefit Shop. She listed the many things he does to assist her — loading, packing, fixing damaged items, etc. "I can't do my household chores I'm so busy here," she said, "and I couldn't do it at all without Bill. He's my big helper."

Vera, modest about her accomplishments, shares credit with the women who have assisted her since the shop opened — Harriet Mayland, Barbara Nelson, Mary Skalyo, and Jean Stekly.



Vera Meyer

GRAPHIC ARTIST The *Sun* would like to rent part of its new office and time on its Macintosh computer and Laserwriter to a graphic artist who would be available as needed to help us with ad layouts. If you are a graphic artist who needs office space and who knows computer graphics programs or wants to learn, contact Dick at 625-2325.

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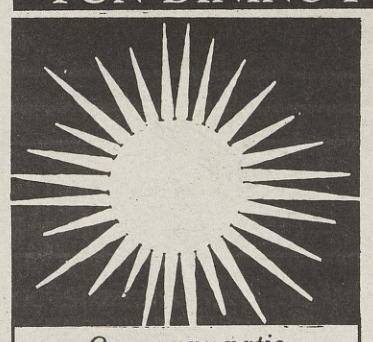

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SHERIFF'S LOG

THEFTS AND NEAR THEFTS

THE CROSSROADS. Monterey Peninsula Mobile Security reports open door at Mail Boxes, Inc. 3/23.

EL PORTRERO. Resident reports wallet removed her purse by a juvenile to whom she gave a ride. No value given. 3/25.

RIO RD. Resident reports someone entered car in parking lot during night. Subject started to remove car stereo but gave up, taking the door speakers. No value given. 3/26.

RIO RD. Resident reports car stereo removed during night. No value given. Requests area check by patrols. *(Aha! Now perpetrator has stereo and speakers!)* 3/26.

HOLMAN RANCH. Manager reports theft of a 4" x 6" x 16 foot redwood board. Suspect dismantled a redwood water tank at end of the property stealing one board. No value given. *(Must have made one heck of a leak!)* 3/26.

CARMEL KNOLLS DR. Resident reports bicycle and surf board taken from the front deck of home during the night. No value given. 3/27.

CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL. Vice principal reports a Radio Shack TRS-80 Model III computer taken from Teacher's Math Room during weekend. No value given. *(Some youngster getting a head start on homework?)* 3/28.

VIA LA GITANA. Resident reports house entered and liquor taken. Jewelry that was not hers left behind. *(Fair trade?)* 3/29.

RIO RD. Resident reports Clarion AF/FM stereo taken from her vehicle. No value given. *(What, again?)* 3/30.

MEADOWS PL. Resident reports theft of bike; later discovered same. 3/31.

LAURELES GRADE RD. Salinas woman reports attempted entry into home she and her husband are building 4/1.

PILOT RD. Blackthorne Hot Tubs burglarized. $500 cash taken. Second burglary in about three weeks. No known suspects. 4/3.

PILOT RD. Valley Cafe employee reports finding rear door window broken. Unable to determine if intentional or accidental, unable to contact owners. Note left on door. 4/5.

SAN CLEMENTE RANCH. Employee reports theft of livestock: two calves and a 5-year-old cow. No value given. No suspects. 4/5.

PILOT RD. Owners of Valley Cafe report cafe broken into. Money and a couple of beers taken; no value given. People in neighboring residence heard glass break at 2 a.m. Tuesday, but did not investigate. 4/6.

THE CROSSROADS. Employee of Charles Schwab Brokerage reports aluminum strip partially removed from window with pry tool. No idea when incident occurred. 4/7.

DEER MEADOW PL. Resident reports possible prowler in back year. 4/7.

LIVE OAK LANE. Resident reports finding light on and screen door locked at residence upon return home. Checked. Found to be secure. *(Probably a passing poltergeist.)* 4/7.

THE YOUNGER GENERATION

CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL. Vice principal reports student had two "pot" pipes. 3/31.

THE BARNYARD. Carmel River School student reported seeing man he thought was shot in the chest. Saw unknown subject near Union 76 Station. Field investigation revealed subject a drifter, had fallen down a stairway. *(Kudos to the student for caring!)* 4/1.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH. Two 17-year-old males contacted in Church parking lot. They had been hot-tubbing at Carmel Valley Ranch after hours. *(Cleaning up before going to church?)* 4/2.

ON LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

LOS LAURELES GRADE. Monterey County Public Works person reports fight between two males at Grade Road and Carmel Valley Road. *(No winner announced.)* 3/23.

MIRAMONTE RD. Resident reports two white male adults in a 2-tone blue Dodge pickup have driven on her property three times. 3/23.

SCHULTE RD. Youth pastor reports increasing number of over-nighters in parking lot behind First Baptist Church. Does not wish to have them cited, but will appreciate roll-bys by Deputies. *(All that snoring! Gee!)* 3/25.

MEADOW RD. Resident reports disturbance caused by man of same address. *(What kind of disturbance?)* 3/25.

PASO HONDO. Resident reported wanting male person out of her house. He agreed to leave and return at 1200 hours to pick up his belongings. *(The course of true love.)* 3/26.

CARMEL VALLEY INN. Employee reports suspicious person making phone calls in lobby. Person not a registered guest. Aptos man contacted. Using pay phone for business calls. *(Folks sure are edgy these days.)* 3/27.

SALSIPUEDES. Resident reports having a dispute with her tenant. 3/27.

HIDDEN VALLEY RD. Resident reports ongoing problem with ex-boyfriend over joint checking account. 3/31.

ALBERTSON'S. Assistant manager reports two subjects in parking area bothering customers. 4/1.

HIDDEN VALLEY RD. Resident reports former live-in boyfriend entered her residence in the a.m. and broke some flower vases. 4/1.

VIA MARQUITA. Resident reports loud dirt bikes in area 4/1.

SKY RANCH. Resident reports a dispute over some property mutually used by his roommates. *(It's mine! No, it's mine!)* 4/3.

CACHAGUA. Resident reports a male telephoned her 4/2 and said he was going to burn her and her husband's home and two acres of land in Cachagua if her husband testifies in Court on 4/24. She did not know who her husband was testifying against. 4/4.

LOWER TRAIL. Resident reported being struck by Cachagua man during argument over old girlfriend. *(Wonder how old?)* 4/4.

RANCHO CANADA. Head pro reports three people had walked onto the golf course without paying the green fee. *(Probably wanted to check out the course first.)* 4/4.

MIRAMONTE. Resident reports strange truck in driveway. Occupants of truck there to repossess neighbor's vehicle. Caller notified vehicle owners of repossession. 4/4.

LOWER CIRCLE. Resident reports being struck by man who lives on El Cuenco during Carmel Beach party. 4/7.

QUAIL LODGE. Corte Madera man, a guest, reports receiving two annoying phone calls, questioning guest's driving ability. 4/7.

VANDALISM

TIERRA GRANDE. Resident reports mail box knocked off original location. Believes vehicle may have run into mail box because of loud crashing sound he heard at 1 a.m. 3/25.

RIO RD. Resident reports someone scratched her car. No value given. 4/7.

THE CROSSROADS. Monterey Peninsula Mobile Security reports man carving benches in The Crossroads. *(Whittler's brother?)* 4/7.

STRANGER THAN FICTION?

CACHAGUA RD. Patrol observation of what appeared to be debris from a vehicle that had gone over edge of roadway at Cachagua Grade Rd., 2.10 of a mile north of Sky Ranch Rd. CHP responded and concluded that a vehicle may have gone over. Rescue team called. Area searched, no vehicle found. *(Thank heaven they cared enough to look!)* 4.5.

GOING TO THE DOGS

CALLE DE ESTE. Resident reports neighbor's dog barking all night. Spoke to neighbor who said she'd try to keep her dog quiet. 3/25.

UPPER CIRCLE. Resident reports barking dog on Esquiline Rd. *((Strong Lungs.)* 4/4.

TIERRA GRANDE. Resident reports problems with neighbor's dog barking constantly. Ongoing problem neighbors have failed to cooperate. *(Are they barking too?)* 4/4.

MIRAMONTE. Resident reports her dogs were barking, felt someone was outside her residence. *(A cat or a raccoon, maybe?)* 4/7.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

SCARLETT RD. Resident reports son at house taking some of his property. She wants him off the property. Deputy spoke to son who agreed to leave. 3/28.

LOST ... AND FOUND

ACACIA LODGE. Man reported finding school books belonging to Middle School runaway. Books returned to Carmel Unified School District office. *(And the kid?)* 4/4.

ONE (OR MORE) TOO MANY

CV RD. & RANCHO CANADA. Poppy Rd. man stopped for driving under the influence. Turned over to CHP. 3/26.

CV RD. & FORD RD. Los Ositos woman stopped for driving under the influence. Turned over to CHP. 3/26.

CV RD. AT CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL. Patrol observation of resort employee driving erraticly. Arrested by CHP for DUI 3/31.

OF SMOKE & FIRE

FORD RD. Structure fire. CHP officer and deputy cleared area, contained fire until Carmel Valley Fire Department arrived. 3/26.

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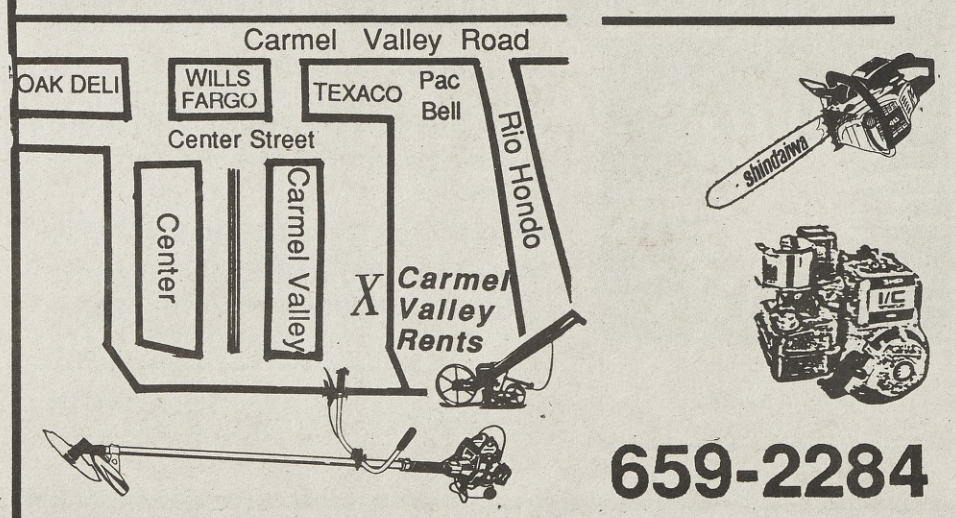

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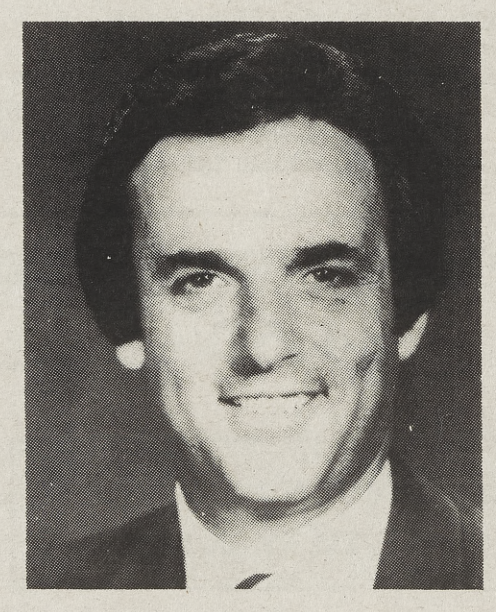

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Valley And State Declare Early Wildland Fire Season

By Sidney Reade
Mid Valley Fire Marshall

There is a price to pay for all the sunshine and blue sky this winter and spring. California's 1988 fire season has officially been declared open.

What this means to residents of Carmel Valley is that it is time to get in high gear with outdoor fire safety measures (more specifically, no more backyard burning and weed abatement).

Those living in the Urban Chaparral interface, such as residents of Carmel Valley, should never forget the threat a wildfire presents. The later into fire season we are, the drier, more volatile the chaparral becomes.

Memories of the Pebble Beach fire, less than one year ago, remind us of what can happen when a fire breaks out in the springtime. (Pebble Beach Fire, May 30, 1987.)

California has strict regulations to help protect homes in the urban chaparral and forest communities. California Public resources Code 4291 is enforceable by local fire agencies.

One of the regulations in PRC 4291 is that all flammable vegetation must be cleared to a *minimum* distance of 30 feet around all structures. The code gives local fire agencies *authority to increase* the distance to 100 feet from structures if additional hazards exist.

Principles of topography, vegetation and architectural design are considered when determining and applying fire safety regulations to property. For example, homes built too close to the edge of a ridge will require a greater clearance than structures with adequate set backs. The height of vegetation and the wind speed are used to estimate flame length during a fire.

In addition to adequate vegetation clearance, there are regulations for clearing roofs of leaves, needles and debris. Dead tree limbs can not hang over structures and all chimney openings must have a minimum of 1/2 inch mesh screen covering.

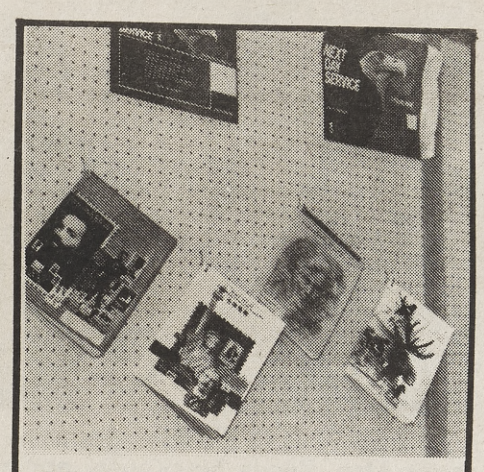
ON NARROW RIDGES, homes without adequate setbacks, as depicted, are especially vulnerable to fire.

Ten feet of clearance is required around property lines of open fields. This is especially important when open land borders roadways, where the possibility of a chance ignition from discarded smoking materials or catalytic converters on vehicles is possible.

With 1988 Fire Season being declared so early, back yard burn season closes April 15th. Alternate ways to dispose of yard clippings and agricultural waste must be used.

The Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District is posting signs indicating HIGH FIRE HAZARD areas throughout the district. All local fire agencies are gearing up for fire season but stress that Fire Safety begins with "YOU." Be extremely careful with barbecues, smoking materials, power tools and equipment. A chance spark could start a major conflagration this fire season.

The Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District will be conducting the annual weed abatement program and staff is available to inspect and make recommendations on any fire safety concerns residents may have.



POST OFFICE ART?? — Carmel Valley's Post Office now boasts this display of U.S. Postal Service products-for-sale, prescribed by the USPS Domestic Mail Manual, as *interpreted* by the San Jose Field Office, USPS. Envelopes, catalogues and boxes have, by bureaucratic dictation, replaced art of the Carmel Valley and its artists. Valley postal patrons and taxpayers may take solace in the thought that this major policy position will eliminate the nine or ten-digit USPS operating deficit. *(Possibly eliminating need for postal rate increases — or would trimming Field Office overhead be more effective in that respect?)* (*Sun* Photo)

George Pullman: Witness To Change

George Pullman, 79, has been a Californian since 1927. Recently, his friends and admirers gave him a surprise party at The Chatterbox restaurant to celebrate his birthday. "There was one candle on the cake," George remembered, "and I was very surprised."

Things haven't been going too well for George recently. He's been in the hospital and now is recuperating at his home at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club where he lives with his wife, Dorothy, and 15-year-old granddaughter, Kimberly.

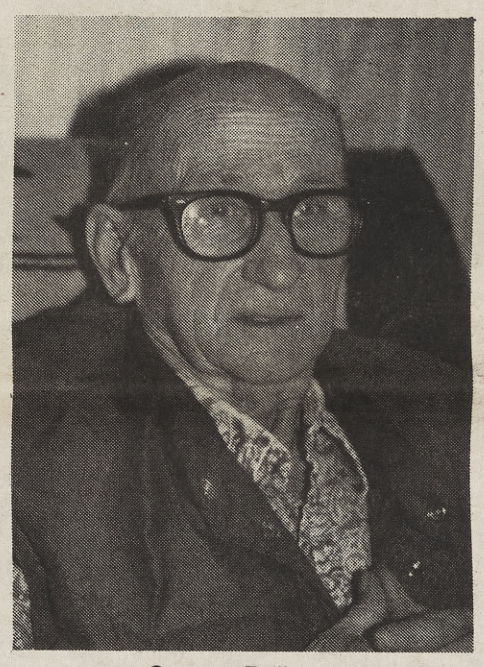
George Pullman retired as a Captain in the U.S. Army after the Korean War in 1954. He has visited such far away places as China, Germany, Italy, Japan, and, of course, Korea. Despite his illness, George is still slim and maintains a straight-backed military bearing.

He doesn't like what he sees in Carmel Valley, nor is he optimistic about the Valley's future. "It's nice," he reckons, "but it's all going to pot. From what I can see, there's too much of a change in people's attitudes. Everyone's in too much of a hurry."

"I hope it won't get worse," he continued. "I think they're expanding too fast for the little water we have, and there are too many golf courses as far as I'm concerned."

A member of the Trail and Saddle Club, George has been with horses "all my life and I'm getting ready to quit." He still has a horse, however, as does his granddaughter.

George Pullman's interest is not limited to this area. He's concerned about the situation in Panama, Honduras, and Nicaragua. "I don't know if it'll get to be a shooting war," he said, shaking his head sadly.



George Pullman

George spends most of his energy these days getting well again, but he doesn't hesitate to express his thoughts about conditions in the Valley. "Being out here as long as I have, I've seen a lot of changes." he said. "Some are for the best, some are for the worst, it's hard to say. I guess we'll just have to ride with the trend."

He's critical of the bureaucracy at all levels. "They've got so many organizations now, it takes an act of Congress to get something through."

A rugged individualist, soldier, horseman, gentleman, George Pullman is able to observe how the past affects the present and future. May he continue to share his thoughts for many years to come.

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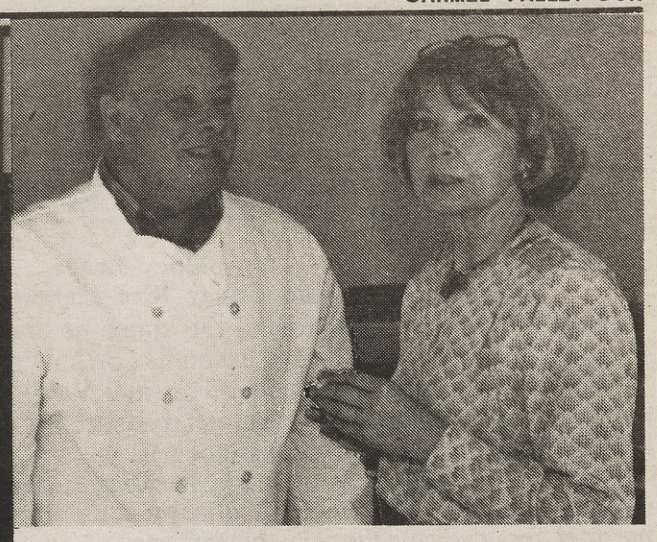
HOSTESS AND GUESTS— Germaine Lestrade, right, greets Mrs. Rhoda MacKenzie and her daughter of Carmel, and Zoe Draper (soon to be a Valley resident). Guests declared the "French farm house-with California influence," and gallery antiques to be "sensational."

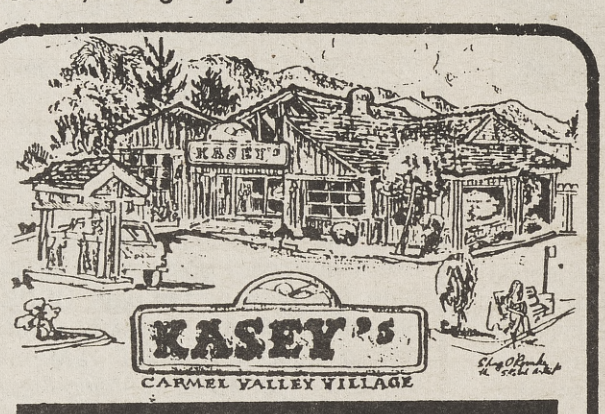
ADMIRING ANTIQUES—Marcia DeVoe, Carmel, left, with Lillian Rasmussen of Pebble Beach, at center, and Donna McAllister, gallery assistant, share a light moment admiring Maison's French antique offerings.



CLASSIC CATERING—Germaine thanks Danielle Barduzzi of The Ridge for a superlative catering effort for her guests during Maison Val Du Soleil's festivities. (SUN Photos)

VILLAGERS VISIT—Dean and Jossie Diaz visit with Diane Wenzler during the "Maison Warming."

MAISON GUESTS—The Valley's Macy Kay, left, and Jean Marie McNamara were among more than 100 friends and guests who shared Germaine Lestrade's pride in her bright new Caminito building during Maison Val Du Soleil's reception. (*SUN* Photos)



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5 Bigot Bunker, for short
9 "_____, I'm Adam"
14 Crosby, Stills, and Nash, e.g.
15 Lacking color
16 Caribbean vacation spot
17 Chances are
20 *Beau* _____
21 Farmer, at times
22 Gets an eyeful
23 Sportswoman Didrikson
25 Acknowledge the crowd
27 Indian bigwig
30 Hamburg's river
32 Mini-map
36 *Tristan und* _____
38 Items often bruised
40 The travel people
41 Chances are
44 Ending for pot or par
45 Booze and bread
46 Stingless bees
47 Bowler's button
49 Prepare a memo
51 Item much avoided
52 PDQ
54 Slangy suffix
56 Hazzard County boss
59 Impend
61 Packs away
65 Chances are
68 Like Mom's place
69 African flower?
70 Poet Pound
71 Stand up and speak
72 British breaks
73 Offend the nose

DOWN

1 Men only
2 Perry's creator
3 Brinks
4 Where the goal is the goal
5 Qualified
6 Author Carson
7 Singer Laine
8 Starting words
9 Ewe said it
10 Started the day
11 Frank Herbert series
12 Skillful
13 Hall-of-Famer Willie
18 Ocean
19 La-la leader
24 Noah or Wallace
26 Sun shield
27 Bus fare?
28 In unison
29 Discomposes
31 First name in flags
33 Steam room
34 Wolfed down
35 French cup
37 Pub game
39 Less conventional
42 Tennis situation
43 "Happy to do it!"
48 Baby baldy?
50 Actress Hensley
53 One hundred percent
55 Steve Austin's org.
56 Greeting of a sort
57 _____ about (approximately)
58 Vasco da _____
60 Sooner
62 Flow slowly
63 Sported
64 Where Mt. Rushmore is
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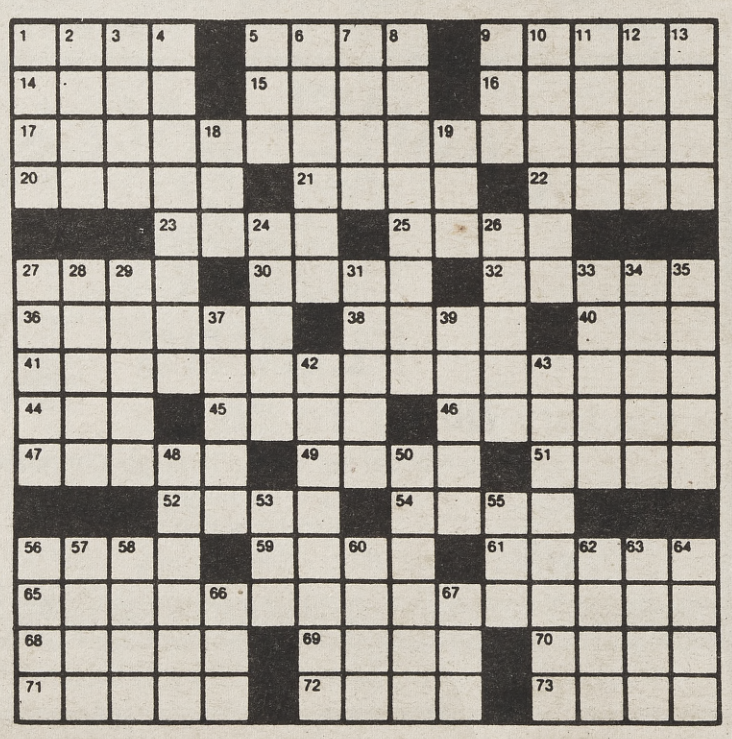
67 Bandman Brown



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VALLEY TOWING OWNER-OPERATOR David Goss prepares to pull onto C.V. Road with a disabled auto from a church parking lot. Goss has lived in and around the Valley much of the time since 1968. *(SUN* Photo)

Valley Towing Offers Savings

Long-time area resident David Goss has opened Valley Towing in the Village.

Goss launched his new enterprise after a friend was charged $60 for a two-mile tow from Laureles Grade to the Village.

Currently equipped for straight "trailer-towing" of cars and light trucks, the veteran commercial driver has goals to provide full towing service (i.e.—off-road recovery, recovering "roll-overs," and handling medium-to-heavy trucks.)

He has seven years cross-country trucking experience, including full hazardous materials certification (including explosives and wastes) and moving "exotic autos" on 18-wheel transporters.

David has also driven with Bay Area towing companies.

A 1974 All-Saints graduate, he attended Carmel High School before enlisting in the Navy and completing his high school education in the service.

"I intend to build a stable business here in the Valley, based upon fast, high-quality service and the best rates around. Rather than $60 for two miles, Valley Towing's standard schedule will be $30 for the first five miles, $2.40 per mile thereafter.

"Any tows of more than 25 miles will be negotiable. The idea is not to get rich from anyone's misfortune, but to provide a much needed service with a fair operating margin." Goss says.

"Valley Towing's lower rates are possible because of lower costs since this is owner-operated and right here in the Village. In fact, we will have faster response and lower rates for some jobs in Carmel, the Highlands, down the coast and around the Peninsula," he states.

Corner Cafe Earns Repeat Patron Loyalty

CHEF STEVE and HOSTESS SUSAN CROSWELL operate Mid Valley Center's Corner Cafe. Valley residents for 12 years, they survived Carmel's famous "Franchise War" with their Orange Julius business on Ocean Avenue to acquire the Corner Cafe two years ago. Bay Area natives, they are parents of Kelly, 12, in Mrs. Wright's class, and Christy, 9, in Mrs. Cole's class — both at Mission School. "Basically, we operate a Coffee Shop, strictly catering to locals, with 98% or more of our trade with locals and more than 90% repeat customers," they report. Susan makes about five homemade pies daily.

(Editor's Note-We can vouch for the butterscotch pie.)

Everything in Corner Cafe is "...made from scratch, with all fresh ingredients, even the pancake and waffle batter. We get frequent compliments on our pancakes and our breakfast eggs," Susan says, obviously proud of Steve's culinary skills. "She makes fantastic fresh ingredient soups" Steve insists. Of their rare tourist customers, "Once they find us, we get them back for every breakfast and lunch. We have one family of 17 that found us in June, 1986, and have been regulars for a full week in June for each of these past two years."

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I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!—Jeff Sutton (left) receives a belated "Most Unbelieving Award" for reaction to "makeup tips" discussions between his father "Mervina" (right), winner of the Dr. Renee Richards Award, and Patty Cox, winner of the Bill Mauldin Memorial "Willie and Joe *Up Front* Award." "Mervina" is perennial *Hookers' Ball* co-chairperson, along with Patty McAfee.

TWIN 'MATT DILLONS AND MIZ' KITTIES"—Dick and Virginia Mosberg of the Valley, (left) "..cloned with the kids," for "The Ball" as they and daughter and son-in-law Lynn and Curt Spradley of the Village reprised *"Gunsmoke."* Lynn and Curt won their costume award with Lynn "...putting her heart into it."

HOOK, LINE AND SINKER AWARD WINNERS—Clyde and Pam Klaumann "manned and catched" the Ball's door most of the night, admitting it was a post which did require some "..understanding of figures." The popular CMD teacher and spouse easily *netted* their class's top costume prize.

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MAINTAINING DECORUM—The Lower Valley's (L-R) Perla Tarsitano, Natalie Brenneman and Joyce Underdown, somehow ignored costumed partygoers surrounding them while quietly visiting.

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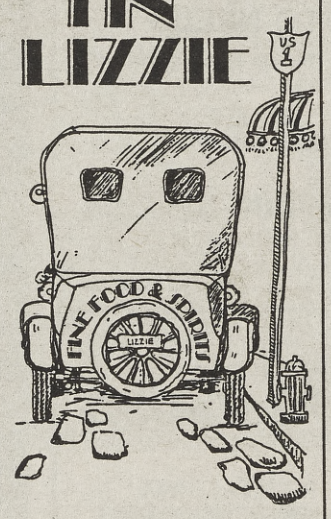

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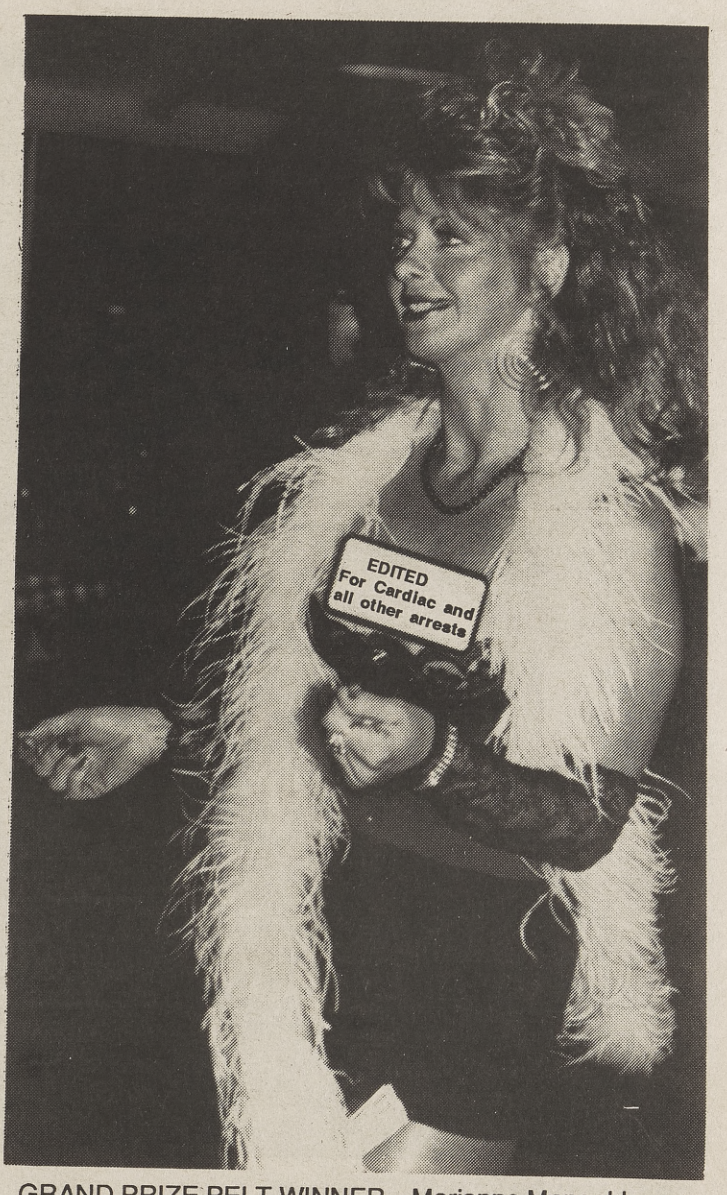

GRAND PRIZE PELT WINNER—Marianne Mangold wore her costume triumphantly, carrying the Grand Prize fur coat donated by Sponsor Bud Allen to Jack's Peak following a memorable award ceremony.

WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT OUT-FIT?—The Village's Joseph and Bette Kovacs came as "undercover plain-clothes cops," possibly seeking '89 cos-tume clues .

NO 'KILLER CLOWN' HE—Pene-lope Lambson's costume could not overcome her Beach and Tennis Club aura. Date Gerry Hopkins proved his acting talent and experi-ence in his party role.

Among Valley "Ball" workers were:
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CLEOPATRA REIGNS—Rhonda Williams' regal costume attracted ad-miring glances, even as she selected from "The Ball's" superb buffet table.

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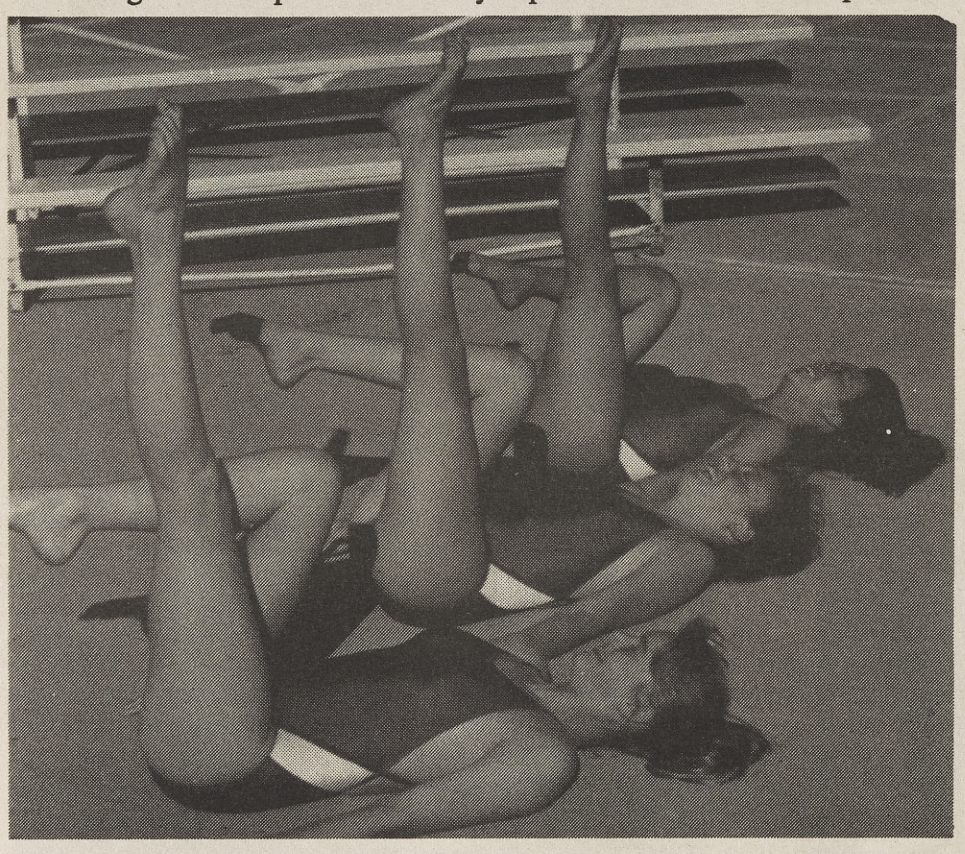
History of the Cypress Swim Club

Autumn 1960, Donn Squire returned from the Olympic Games in Rome, where as the Men's National AAU Solo Synchronized Swimming Champion he had swum an exhibition for international aquatic officials after completing an extended tour of Europe and Scandinavia with a group of other U.S. synchronized swimming champions and officials.

Squire was asked by Fort Ord Girl Scout officials to form a synchronized swimming team comprised of military dependents at the Fort Ord pool.



DRY LAND PRACTICE—The public only sees a *glamorous* few minutes of the competitive swimmers' lives. Daily hours, year after year are required of all swimmers to attain even regional rankings. From left, Heather, Julie and Desiree —in dry land drills on hard-hard-hard-HARD concrete. (*Sun* Photo)

He founded the "Ordettes" and coached them to a third-place ranking in Jr. National Championships within three years.

As a result of a publicity-fundraising campaign in 1964 to send former Carmel Valley swimmers Marsha and Marilyn Lane to the Sr. National Championships in Albany, New York, the Ordettes were asked to swim at the *new* Carmel Valley Community Pool's dedication ceremonies.

After this performance, Phyllis Crockett, who had been the driving force behind the new pool's construction, asked Squire what it would take to form a club open to all civilian members of the community and not just military dependents.

The Response was and is simple: WATER!

Mrs. Crockett, who was at that time Director of Physical Education at Carmel High School, arranged with Bill Wakefield, Recreation Director for the Carmel Unified School District, for the use of the Carmel High School Pool and the Carmel Valley Community Pool.

Fall 1964, the Cypress Swim Club was founded by Donn Squire and Del Neel.

At its first tryouts for potential members, a total of 64 swimmers, including a substantial number of boys as well as *defectors* from the Ordettes, auditioned for the 25 spots the two coaches felt they could adequately handle. The rest, as they say, is history.

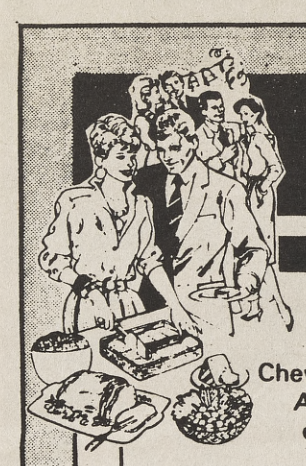
The club was incorporated as a non-profit educational corporation the following year, and by 1967 was the **seventh-ranked** team in the entire nation with swimmers Bonnie Banker, Lindy Doud, Marnie Mark, Kathy Neill, Jan Roehl, Sharon Roehl, Susie Selfridge and Judy Snyder.

Through the years, other outstanding Carmel Valley members of the Cypress Swim Club have included Kathryn Blevens, Gerri Brandly, Lynn Campbell, Cindy Cornford, Robin Currier, Margaret Demarest, Suzy Hermanson, Stacey Hicks, Kyhiera Miller, Kathy Tracy and Jane Wells.

Many of these swimmers achieved national and international recognition as representatives of the Cypress Swim Club.

Three and one-half years ago, after watching TV coverage of 1984 Olympic Games from Los Angeles (inspired by the gold medal-winning performances of Candy Costie and Tracie Ruiz,) Desiree Castro, Julie Korper, and Heather Pease joined the Cypress Swim Club with the dream of one day representing the United States in synchronized swimming at a future Olympiad.

Today, they still have the drive, dedication, and determination, plus proven potential to do so...and with a little support from the community at large, they just might make that dream a reality at the Games of the XXIV Olympiad in 1992!!!



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Fruit & Cheese Plate	4.25
Shrimp stuffed Artichoke Vinegarette	5.75
Guacamole, Salsa & Chips	3.75

Hot

Teriyaki Mini Kabobs	4.75
Artichoke with Dill Mayonnaise	3.25
Nachos Buenos Beans, salsa, cheese guacamole and sour cream	3.75
Stuffed Mushrooms with spinach, bacon and cheese	2.75
Basket of Garlic Bread	2.25

SIDE DISHES

Scrambled Egg	.75	Pasta Salad	1.75
(2)	1.25	Potato Salad	1.75
Home Fries	1.75	Avocado or Guacamole	.75
Ham Slice	2.75	Salsa	.75
Bacon Slices	2.50	Sour Cream	.50
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Valley Chefs Salad		5.75
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Fresh Fruit Salad with berry, honey yogurt sauce		4.25

To Become Olympic Trial Hopefuls

Special To "The Sun"

For the first time in its 24 year history, the Cypress Swim Club is reaching out to the community for support and financial assistance. And for good reason: Three of its young athletes have qualified for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Trials in synchronized swimming.

Because of their placements at the West Zone U.S. Synchronized Swimming Championships last month at Tacoma, WA, Heather Pease (12), Desiree Castro (13), and Julie Korper (13), earned the right to represent the West in solo, duet, and trio competition at the U.S. Olympic Trials and Senior National Championships (April 17 — 24) at the Indiana/Purdue University Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Valleyite Heather Pease is the youngest American in Olympic history to have earned a trial berth in solo synchronized swimming. She will pair with Desiree Castro for duets, and then join teammate Julie Korper for the trio competition.

Founded in 1964, the Cypress Swim Club is coached by ***unpaid volunteers***, Donn Squire and Del Neel, both nationally and internationally recognized coaches and officials of synchronized swimming.

In these 24 years, the club has fielded district association, regional, sectional, zone, national, international and world champions. Cypress experience has enabled local synchronized swimmers to earn college scholarships at such prestigious schools as the University of Arizona, Michigan State and Ohio State University.

Their coaches had anticipated that these three young swimmers might qualify at the West Zone meet for the U.S. Junior Nationals at Philadelphia, PA in July, and had planned fundraising events accordingly. But the youthful swimmers far exceeded expectations by qualifying instead for the Olympic Trials and *Senior* National Championships.

Therefore, the club, with these swimmers more than a year ahead of their projected development schedule is faced with a financial crisis.

Cypress is asking the community for assistance in funding these very deserving young athletes, their coaches, and chaperone for participation in the 1988 U.S. Olympic Trials.

As a non-profit educational corporation, all contributions to the Cypress Swim Club are fully tax-deductible.

Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 4714, Carmel, CA, 93921.

Your support of the Cypress Swim Club now will make the trip to compete in the Olympic Trials possible. Questions about any aspect of this need for funds may be directed to Donn Squire or Del Neel at 659-2446.

DO YOU THINK WE COULD HITCHIKE TO INDIANA?——Strictly joking, Cypress's 12 and 13-year-old prodigies "ham it up" for the SUN camera before serious nightly practice. From left, Desiree, Julie and Heather.

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		Baked Albacore, Tomato & Cheddar	4.75

Cold

Shrimp & Cream Cheese with Herbs	5.75
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Pasta of the Day	5.25

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Traffic Trigger

Continued from Front Page

measured on a scale from LOS A to LOS F, with F being the lowest.

According to Judge Silver's order of May 5, 1987, when LOS is at C or lower and then falls to the next lower level, the county is required to do certain things. The order states, "When and if this point is reached no development can be approved until an EIR is prepared on necessary mitigation measures and appropriate findings are made."

County adoption of specific policies and procedures to implement the judge's order was delayed pending further analysis of traffic figures and threshold values for the various Levels of Service on 12 road segments in the Valley.

The proposed policies and procedures were presented to the Planning Commission at its March 30 meeting by Lynne Mounday, senior planner for Carmel Valley.

Mounday told the commissioners that if the proposed policies required by the judge's order were approved by the board of supervisors, "we would be deferring all discretionary approvals for new development unless we have mitigations for the traffic impacts." The required mitigation would be to restore the Level of Service to the level that existed when the master plan was approved in 1985.

'...Four lanes are mandatory...'

Ron Lundquist, chief of engineering for the Public Words Department, then advised the commissioners that four-laning Carmel Valley Road from Rancho San Carlos Road to Robinson Canyon Road is *the only possible way* to restore the LOS to an acceptable level in this area. Lundquist elaborated on this in a subsequent telephone interview with the *Sun*.

According to Lundquist, this stretch of Carmel Valley Road already has an ideal roadway in terms of lane width, wide shoulders, good sight distance and high speed design. "The only thing that can be adjusted to increase the service flow rate, and thereby improve the LOS, is to add more lanes."

Public Works has $160,000 in this year's budget to take the first step toward four-laning Carmel Valley Road east to Robinson Canyon Road. These funds would do an environmental impact report, review the plan lines to determine what right-of-way needs to be acquired, and do a preliminary design so that cost can be estimated.

Lundquist advised, however, the Public Works has not had the staff time available to do this work this year. The work has been rescheduled for next year.

Another Decade

On several recent occasions, Public Works Director Bruce McClain has stated that four-laning Carmel Valley Road out to Robinson Canyon Road *is at least 10 years in the future*. No funding has been projected for that work, and the process of environmental review, property acquisition, design and construction could easily take 10 years even if money were available.

Lundquist also informed the commissioners of improvements needed east of Holman Road to restore that segment to the LOS that existed in 1985 when the master plan was approved. This narrow, winding road would have to be re-designed with improved alignment and two, standard, 12-foot lanes with 4-foot shoulders.

'...East of Village requires redesign...'

As neither of these improvements is likely in the near future, Planning Director Robert Slimmon asked county counsel Jose Ramos, "Where are we at this moment when we have pending applications in our department?" Ramos replied, "We need more information on potential mitigations on Carmel Valley Road. And we need to find where development can contribute to significant mitigation through payment of fees or other means."

If the Level of Service cannot be restored to the 1985 level through road improvements in the near future, this raises many specific questions about how Judge Silver's order should be implemented. These questions were discussed but not resolved at the Planning Commission hearing.

The fundamental question is: Are there certain kinds of development that could still be approved despite implementation of the judge's order?

Building a single house on a lot of record has emerged as an issue. Silver's order appears to specifically include lots of record. It states, "With respect to those roads that are at LOS C or below, development must stop (including Lots of Record) when and if that development would significantly impact LOS."

Richard Rosenthal, the Valley attorney who with Zan Henson filed the suit that blocked the master plan and prompted Judge Silver's order, has advised the county that he believes the order clearly does require stopping development on lots of record.

The county's proposed policy, however, specifically exempts lots of record. In a telephone interview with the *Sun*, county legal advisor Ramos said, "I don't think the specific question of building on lots of record was ever put to the judge. I am certainly willing to go to court, if necessary, to argue that the judge meant to permit building on lots of record."

In the Planning Commission hearing, Ramos discussed other circumstances under which development might still be approved.

- Development could be approved if it could be shown that it would not impact the critical segments of Carmel Valley Road. (For example, a service center for existing Valley contractors might not add additional traffic.)
- Development could be approved if the developer made a significant monetary or other contribution that would permit or significantly speed up road improvements to raise the LOS.

'...Where would growth be o.k...'

Several planning commissioners, notably Gloria Moore and Louis Calcagno, expressed concern that the only way to get development would be from the large developers who can afford to pay for the road improvements. Moore noted that "the problem was created by big development. Now, we are saying the problem can only be mitigated by big development that can pay for the improvements." The cost of four-laning Carmel Valley Road, however, may be prohibitive even for a big developer.

The commission spent considerable time trying to interpret and clarify the trigger mechanism policy and implementation procedures recommended in the staff report. This was difficult, as the ambiguities are inherent in the wording of Judge Silver's order.

In the end, the commission voted 5-3 to recommend the proposed amendment to the board of supervisors with no changes in the wording. Expressing the majority view, Commissioner Marit Evans was doubtful that the commission could resolve the issue. "Give it to the board of supervisors to tangle with," Evans said.

Commissioner Calcagno, who voted against the amendment as worded in the staff recommendation, said, "We don't have the answer here (in the proposed policy), that's for sure. We're just muddying the waters and creating turmoil in the community."

(See Chart on Facing Page)

Beacon House Lecture Sunday

Sunday, April 17, Beacon House residential alcohol recovery program, presents the third in a monthly lecture series, entitled "The Quest for Intimacy — Moving Out of Love Addiction," at 6 p.m. in the Monterey HS Cafeteria.

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	Road Segment		1985 ADT	1987 ADT	Percent Increase	Trigger Mechanism Volume	Available Capacity
1.	CV Road	Holman east	1,900	2,600	36.8	2,094	---
2A.	CV Road	Holman to Esquiline	2,800	2,600	-7.1	6,835	4,235
2B.	CV Road	Esquiline to Ford	N/A	7,600	N/A	8,217	617
3.	CV Road	Ford to Laureles	9,600	9,100	-5.2	10,826	1,726
5.	CV Road	Laureles to Robinson	8,900	9,200	3.4	12,752	3,552
6.	CV Road	Robinson to Schulte	11,100	11,700	5.4	11,507	---
7.	CV Road	Schulte to San Carlos	12,900	15,300	18.6	12,937	---
8.	CV Road	San Carlos to Rancho Canada	15,000	17,500	16.7	48,487	30,987
9.	CV Road	Rancho Canada to Carmel Rancho	19,000	22,500	18.4	51,401	28,901
10.	CV Road	Carmel Rancho to Hwy 1	17,400	19,800	13.8	27,839	8,039
11.	Carmel Rancho	CV Road to Rio	16,400	12,300	-25.0	33,495	21,195
12.	Rio Road	Carmel Rancho to Hwy 1	16,100	15,200	-5.6	33,928	18,728

Chart shows twelve road segments monitored under the Carmel Valley Master Plan. For each segment it shows 1985 average daily trips (ADT), 1987 ADT, percentage of change in traffic from 1985 to 1987, the volume of traffic (ADT) that triggers action under the master plan, and the available capacity before the trigger level is reached. Note three segments have already passed the trigger level.

Data is from Department of Public Works report submitted to Planning Commission March 30. Percentage of change from 1985 to 1987 was calculated by the *Sun*. Some of the percentages seem implausible. According to Ron Lundquist, chief engineer with the Department of Public Works, Judge Silver's order has required that "figures be used in ways that were never intended when the data was developed. Using the data with this precision is probably a misuse of the data." Traffic counts can vary considerably from year to year. The 1985 count must be used as the baseline for the trigger mechanism, because that is what was in the original EIR. "We can't go back to 1985 now and do more detailed counts," Lundquist said.

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In these early weeks of what will be a long fire season, here at Rosie's Cracker Barrel we've been doing our spring cleaning. Folks have already noticed that Rosie's and the garage are completely repainted.

Our biggest job was removal of abandoned cars "dropped" at Rosie's over past years. (A common occurrence for all of us with "public" parking lots.) The County's bureaucrats have determined we own a "Public Parking Lot," when as taxpaying owners we try to establish control over our property. It quickly became PRIVATE again when we wanted the county to remove the old cars abandoned here because of the county's "public lot" dictates.

After months of research and a **$700 old-car-removal bill,** we may be the Valley's resident authorities on this subject. Through working with Supervisor Karin Strasser-Kauffman's office and the County's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program—the bottom line is —NO HELP for the private property owner plagued with this mess. (There is one guy making $50 per car just to handle the red tape paper work.)

If you have the intestinal fortitude, push the abandoned car onto the county's right-of-way and let the county haul it off. *Get caught—get fined.*

David Goss of Valley Towing first helped — with a much less expensive towing service to remove our stock of abandoned autos, after we completed the red tape. But then, **David really helped** us by researching the State Vehicle Code—even though this spread of this information will really cost him a lot of business since he doesn't get in on the public removal trade.

Division 11, Sections 226581 and 22710, reveal existence of an Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund. This is a state fund which pays for removal of old cars from private property, when certain requirements are met by the property owner.

The property owner must post "legal" signs and fulfill other legalities. We are now dealing with Karin's office, the County's Planning and Zoning offices to make our "legal" signs LEGAL. Once the red tape is completed we can get the state fund to pay for removal of any cars abandoned on our property.

One final question: Why do we have to pay taxes for a County Abatement Officer's salary, when Officer Gordon Avery (Public Works telephone 394-7055, Ext. 49) could only say, "I can't help you," and had no word of the state fund or those clearly outlined procedures in the California Vehicle Code pertaining to abandoned vehicles.

Should we have some of those vehicles dropped on Avery's and/or Karin's front lawns? Of course we didn't .....BUT???

From now on—autos dumped at Rosie's Cracker Barrel, including Rosie's lot at the corner of Esquiline and Los Helechos by the bridge, will be towed to an impound yard in Moss Landing. (You know, the County has been using Rosie's lot as storage for County trucks, tractors, equipment, gravel and dirt when they're working in the Robles. That lot sure ain't County property.)

Look around YOUR own house and property. Clean up for appearance's sake and reduce the fire danger. It will be hot and DRY this year.

'nuff said,
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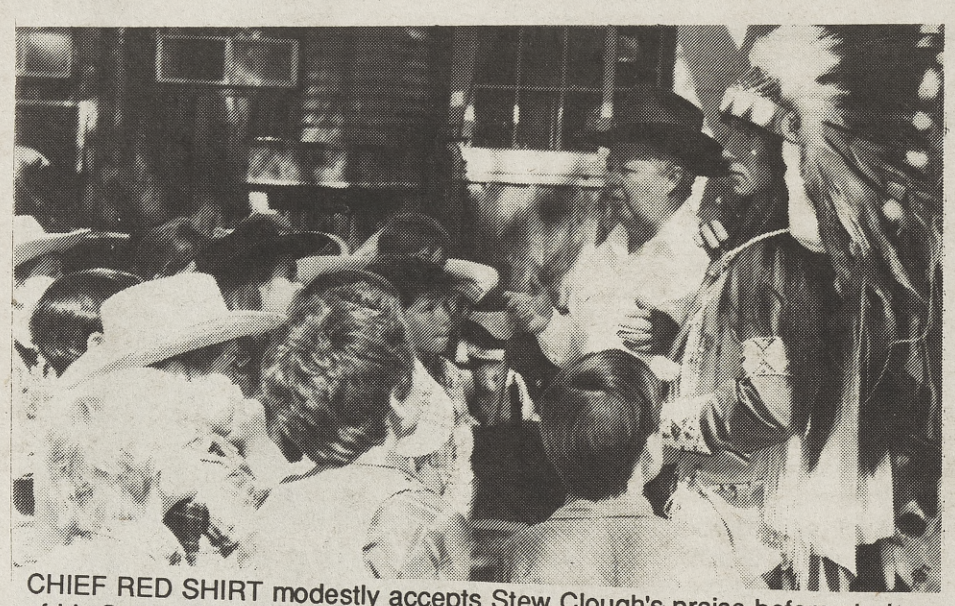
Stew's Plumbing
Esquiline Road at Rosie's Bridge



CHIEF RED SHIRT modestly accepts Stew Clough's praise before students of Iris Sullivan's All Saints Day School 4th Grade. Ms. Sullivan's classes are making annual visits studying western U.S. history at Rosie's Cracker Barrel. Red Shirt's clothing and equipage were made for Stew by Simon Nava, noted Native American artist and close friend of the Cloughs. (*Sun* Photo)

FOCUSED ATTENTION by All Saints 4th Grade students was evident throughout the annual visit to "Stew's Western History Emporium" at the Cracker Barrel. Stew explains practical uses of clothing, saddles, weapons and equipment. At rear, Mrs. Sam Farr (center) and Teacher Iris Sullivan, right. The calvary saddle and saber are favorites for Stew Clough, since the saber was used by an ancestor in Civil War combat at Wilson Creek, Missouri. (He won't say for which side.) (*Sun* Photo)

Kathie McCrary and David Loop Share Mission Ranch Nuptials

Kathie McCrary and David Loop exchanged marriage vows March 27 amid Mission Ranch's coastal splendor.

The afternoon ceremony took place with "made in heaven" conditions under a cloudless sky, the Pacific reflecting diamond glitter and full-bloom flowers around the Ranch lawn.

The bride was escorted by her father, Tom McCrary, to the familiar strains of the wedding march from guitarists Bob and Dave Hendershied.

She wore a softly-draped full-length ivory gown featuring scalloped neckline and slightly puffed three-quarter sleeves, all patterned with pearls and sequins.

Bridal attendants were Best Woman Valerie Weber and Bridesmaid Sherrie Smith.

The groom, attired in dove gray formal wear, was attended by Best Man Doug Steiny and Groomsman Robert Monnastes.

The bride's son, Lucas Belangee, was Ring Bearer.

Cristen Monnastes was Flower Girl.

Will Fay of Carmel Valley officiated for the wedding service conducted upon the crest of the Mission Ranch lawn.

Parents of the bride are, Tom M. McCrary, Monterey, and Jeannie Welch, Marina.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Loop, Carmel.

Mrs. David Loop

The formal service was followed by a reception for 180 guests in the Mission Ranch pavilion, with dance music provided by *Cimmerron*.

Mr. Loop is owner of the Porsche Repair Service and manager of the Mobil Station at Quail Lodge.

Mrs. Loop is president and operating partner of Carmel Valley Business Service in the Village.

Following a Napa Valley honeymoon the newlyweds, and Lucas, are making their home in Carmel.

PERSONAL NUPTIALS SERVICE - Mission Ranch's proprietor stopped by the Loop-McCrary wedding reception to make sure his establishment's service was satisfactory. Indicating approval are, from left, Mrs. Tom (Genelle)McCrary, "Mr. Mission," Bridesmaid Sherrie Smith and Kathie McCrary Loop.

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Vitamin Center: A Different Approach to Health

Quality, Value, and Service are the Company's Watchwords

By Grace Darcy

When Gary Huffine and Randy Inman met a few years back, they both were working in the vitamin business. They liked the business and, after talking about the possibilities of having a vitamin store of their own, the two Carmel Valley men merged their particular talents and the Vitamin Center was born.

In this area, the Vitamin Center has been at 103 Crossroads Boulevard for the past seven years, but there are other stores in Santa Cruz and Los Gatos. Presently, Randy Inman spends most of his time in Los Gatos supervising the remodeling of the Los Gatos store.

"I have been in the manufacturing, wholesaling, and retailing part of this business," said Gary Huffine, a handsome, blond young man with startling blue eyes who is quick to emphasize that the Vitamin Center is not a health food store.

"First of all, the cost per square foot in this area is too high for a health food store," he said. "Then, too, the work is cleaner. We don't have to worry about produce, the cost of refrigeration, etc."

Gary and Randy saw the Vitamin Center as a place where the public could buy excellent quality vitamins, herbs, and cosmetic products, but no food. "I didn't want to get in the supermarket business," Gary said. "I wanted to specialize in vitamins and Gary became sold on the value of vitamins to good health during the time he was a consultant to a vitamin manufacturer.

"I put my kids on Chewable Vitamin C and on multiple vitamins," he said, "and in 18 years the only time we had to call a doctor was for cuts, bruises, and poison oak."

Vitamin Center carries only natural vitamins, and this is important to both Gary and Randy. "Most of our products contain no sugars, starches, wheat, corn, milk, or animal products," Gary said, noting that these ingredients are "the major allergens that make people uncomfortable and cause allergic reactions."

Gary and Randy have their own label, "Vibrant Health."

Both men maintain control of their brand and insist that the ingredients of every single product, including the base, are listed on the label.

"Because we eliminate the middle man with our Vibrant Health brand, we are able to offer the same, if not superior, quality as the better known vitamin brands," Gary said.

Because of its location in The Crossroads, "people think that the Vitamin Center is expensive," Gary said, "but this just isn't so. In fact, we have quality products at discount pricing."

Vibrant Health products come in several sizes to meet the needs of individual buyers, however, there are fifty extra vitamins in the large sizes, a considerable savings for the consumer.

Being in the vitamin business is not easy. Both owners read constantly to keep up with the most recent scientific findings as well as study the latest nutritional literature. "We read all the time," Gary said, "and we also have lots of literature available to our customers so they, too, are aware of the latest findings."

"We maintain good relationships with our customers," Gary added, "and often they share their knowledge with us."

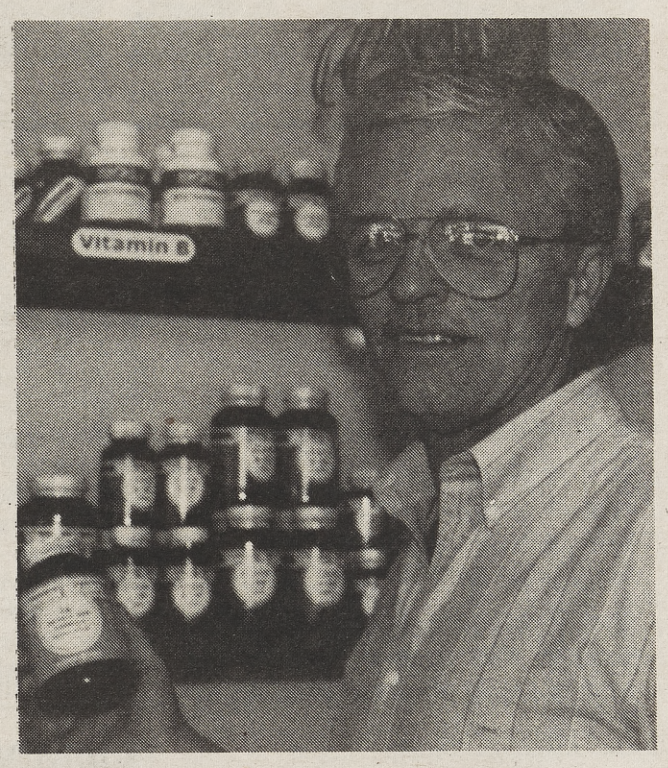
Vitamin Center carries other products beside its own Vibrant Health label, but Gary and Randy are extremely cautious about what brands they carry.

"If I don't like the company, I won't carry the product," Gary said. They carry products by Kal, Twin Labs, Dale Alexander, Source Naturals, Naturade, Nature's Life, the natural Aubrey line, Bioforce Swiss Homeopathics and Herbal Extracts, Bioforce Cell Salts, Alacer Co., Real Aloe products, Nutri-Pak Raw Glandulars, Nico-tabs to help those who are trying to stop smoking, and Pet Guard products for animals.

"We also carry a number of antioxidant enzymes, and juicers and water filters are available on order," Gary said.

Neither Gary nor Randy believes vitamins should replace good food. "Vitamins are supplementary foods, not replacements for good eating," Gary said, adding, "however, we need good vitamins more than ever these days because of the enormous quantities of herbicides and pesticides that are used in food production these days.

Gary's and Randy's philosophy is printed on their business cards: Quality, Value, Service. They care about the products they sell, but more importantly, they deeply care about the people who buy those products.



Gary Huffine displays Vitamin Center's own "Vibrant Health" brand vitamins.

Auditions Continue For "Our Town"

Additional auditions for "Our Town" will be Saturday, April 16, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m. at Outdoor Forest Theatre, Mountain View and Santa Rita Streets, in Carmel.

Several speaking roles, both male and female, are still open. There is a need for two 11-12 year old boys and for townspeople.

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Library Movie *Gigi*

The 1958 musical, *Gigi*, based on a novel by Collette, starring Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier, Louis Jourdan, and directed by Vincente Minnelli will be shown at Carmel Valley Library on Friday, May 6th, 7:30 p.m., sharp. Admission: adults, $2.50, children, $1. For information call: 659-2377.

Friday Balloon Launch At Tularcitos - 11 a.m.

All 459 students at Tularcitos Elementary and the Parent Co-op Nursery School will take part in Friday's 11 a.m. National Balloon Launch.

Co-op Nursery Parents are sponsoring the event, with helium and balloons furnished by The Tool Place of Salinas (retired Co-op parents Stewart and Leslie Pressman) and Kovacs Dental Lab, which permits inclusion of all students for the first time, rather than just the twenty five Nursery students.

The launch will take place at exactly 11 a.m.

Valley People

By Grace Darcy

There hasn't been any rain in Carmel Valley lately, but DIANE OLIVIER has had several showers...baby showers, that is. DIANE, a Carmel Valley resident for almost 10 years, is expecting her baby just about...now! She was feted at two recent showers that saw a number of Carmel Valley well-wishers on hand. The first shower was given on March 10 by DIANE'S sister, LINDA, and her mother, ANN (Executive Director of the CV Chamber of Commerce), and the second shower was given by GAIL and KIRSTEN BUCHE on March 27.

Those attending, alphabetically and in addition to the hosts, included CAROL ARANA, MARILYN BJONERUD, SUE BUCHE, THERESA GAUDON, ROE GLADNEY, MARY JONES, ANITA KNOX, SHEILA LA RUE, BRENDA MOORE, KATHERINE NIZET, KATHY PROULX, KAY SPINDLER, KIM SPINDLER, DIANE STEIN, JEANNETTE SWANSON (who brought and arranged the flowers at the BUCHE showers), PAULA WAINWRIGHT, DIANE'S son, JESSE (the only male allowed at the parties) and yours truly...two happy events!

If you've seen a neat looking black dog riding in SHELLY (Shelly's Kitchen) SCHACTER'S car lately, allow us to introduce you to Cheremoya, a beautiful Labrador/Ridgeback mix who has captured SHELLY'S heart. She guards SHELLY'S car while he shops for some of the fresh produce that makes his food sooo good! Definitely a classy lady, that Cheremoya! Speaking of classy dogs, local artist RODGER WEEKS seldom goes anywhere without his little dog, Willie Nelson. The two frequently walk through the Village together, attracting delighted attention wherever they go. And SHEILA and RICHARD LA RUE have a *wonderful* dog story to tell next time.

We hear rumors that DR. MARVIN GOLDSTEIN (Delfino Place) is honing up his golf game so expertly that he may be a talent to be reckoned with soon. Look out, LARRY MIZE!

DON JENSEN is one of the nicest people we know. DON not only works after school with local youngsters in his art supply shop in the Village, but when there's a quiet moment, he comes outside and has a friendly wave for motorists passing by. More than once, DON'S friendliness has made this reporter's day.

A very happy birthday to DR. HAL KOPEL (Bonita Way) who became 72-years-young on March 31. Many, many happy more years to this outstanding man who has helped so many people. DR. KOPEL'S lovely spouse, BETTY JO, was in charge of the birthday festivities.

The neat little green parrot who charms patients in DR. JOHN BENNETTS' office (Dorris Drive) is named RUPERT. Kids of all ages love him!

ANNE and MICHAEL JORDAN of Eatontown, New Jersey, are visiting her mother, PAULA WAINWRIGHT, here for a few weeks...JUDY CASWELL of Story Road visiting Tacoma, Washington, to watch her son-in-law, RICH BORDI, pitch for the Oakland A's...PAT DUVAL promises to have some exciting news in the very near future...but then anything PAT does is exciting to his ever growing group of fans.

An incredibly Happy Birthday to TIANNA TIMOTHY, someone I love very much. TIANNA, who lives in Utah with her parents and younger brother, is your reporter's first great grandchild. She will be three years old on April 20, and all my love is hers on her special day. Happy Birthday, TIANNA!

...See you next time.

YWCA Offers Program On 'Automated Credit and You'

The YWCA of the Monterey Peninsula is sponsoring a series of workshops entitled "Automated Credit and You."

The first in the series will be April 28 at 7 p.m. and will address issues related to women and their personal credit. The second in the series will be May 5 at 7 p.m., and will discuss credit issues related to women and their businesses.

Cecelia Raymond, credit reporting supervisor for the Credit Bureau of the Monterey Peninsula will facilitate the workshops at the YWCA, 404 Camino El Estero, Monterey. A fee will be charged.

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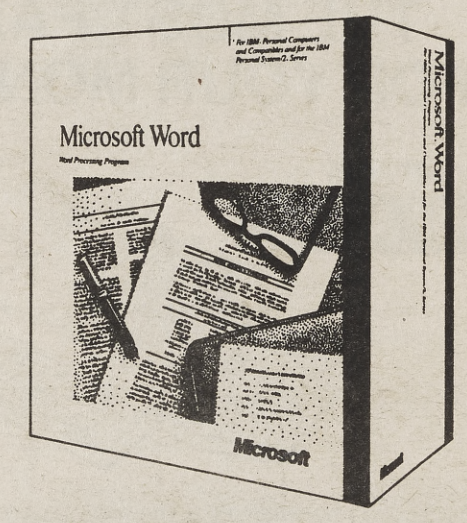

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on an elevated berm from Carmel Valley Road to the river. At the Rio Road overpass, the freeway will be raised about 20 feet. "On top of that you have a couple feet for the guard rail and the height of the trucks—it will look hideous," Pete Anderson, owner of the Crossroads, told the *Sun* after the meeting.

Farr's effort did achieve significant modifications in the original Caltrans design. At the final working group meeting, agreements were summarized as follows:

- Carpenter Street interchange: bridges will be moved and lowered. Southbound traffic will have a right turn on red onto Carpenter. Entrance onto Carpenter from San Luis will remain.
- In the canyon, grade and alignment have been adjusted to minimize impact on vegetation.
- Freeway will pass over rather than under Carmel Valley Road. This was judged safer and preferable aesthetically. This intersection remains as originally designed.
- Freeway design speed will be reduced from 65 to 55 mph. Freeway will be "rolled." That means it will dip down to lower the height of the berm between Carmel Valley Road and the river where feasible.
- Freeway will pass over Rio Road. The only connection between the freeway and Rio Road will be an added offramp for northbound traffic. This will permit vehicles coming from the south to exit and turn right onto Rio Road.
- In order to reduce the height of the Rio Road overpass, Caltrans will examine whether it would be cost-effective to lower the level of Rio Road at the intersection.
- There is no change in the plan for a new bridge over the Carmel River. A new bridge is required as there is no way the existing Highway 1 can merge with the freeway north of the river. The existing Highway 1 bridge will remain and will be transferred from state to county control.
- Caltrans will support a request to the State Transportation Commission to increase the landscaping budget by about $500,000. This will permit more intensive planting of the berm with ground cover and provide for irrigation. It will not permit planting with mature trees.

Now that the basic design issues are settled, Caltrans will prepare revised graphics to show the location and appearance of the proposed freeway. They should be posted by May 1 in key locations in the community, probably the 93921 and 93923 post offices.

A citizens advisory committee will be appointed by May 15 to consider the remaining aesthetic issues. These include details of the landscaping, appearance of the structures and appearance of signs. The committee might also deal with questions related to trying to lower the height of the berm.

The federal EIS on the Hatton Canyon freeway should be finalized by late this summer. There will then be a 30-day comment period before the Federal Highway Administration prepares its Record of Decision, which is the final go-ahead. The freeway is in the state transportation plan for funding in fiscal year 1989-90.

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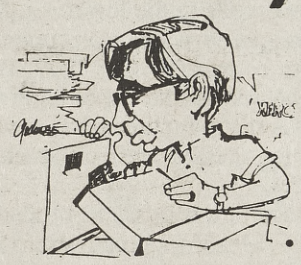

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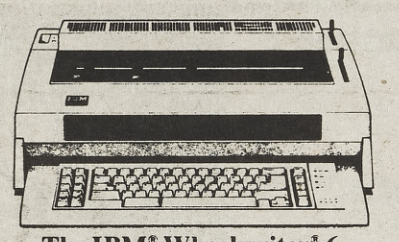

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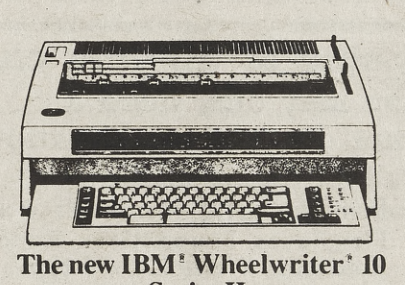

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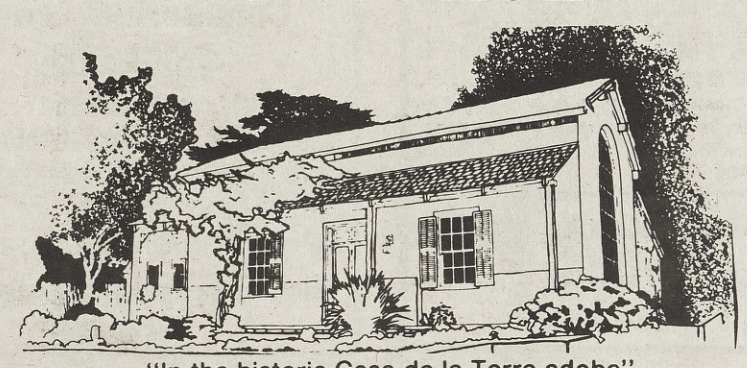

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Drought!

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at press time.

In 1976 and 1977, the drought, combined with increased pumping to provide water for growth on the Peninsula, killed part of the streamside vegetation that holds the sandy banks in place. In 1978 and later years, when the high water inevitably returned, the banks with inadequate vegetation simply collapsed and washed away. "It was like turning on the hose in a sandbox," according to Patricia Bernardi, riverfront resident and former water board director.

Since 1977, at least fifty acres of prime Carmel Valley property have been lost to erosion. Thirty acres were lost just in the area upstream from Schulte Road.

According to Graham Matthews, a hydrologist with the Water Management District who directs the district's Carmel River Management Program, the total figure of lost property may be closer to 100 acres "if you add up all the little areas where the river widened by 10 feet." That's property losses of up to $10 million. Most of that erosion occurred with relatively low river flows, because the entire river system was destabilized by the drought.

Now that drought has returned, will it trigger another wave of erosion? Bernardi believes it will, unless the Water Management District takes very aggressive measures to prevent it. The district has formed an Environmental Advisory Committee, which held its first meeting March 25, to evaluate interim measures that could be taken to protect the environment prior to completion of a new dam. That includes emergency measures for implementation this summer.

The aquifers from which we take most of our water are like a bathtub filled with rocks, and with straws—or wells—poked into it. Since mid-March, we have been sucking more water out of the bathtub than has been flowing into it through the various streams and springs. Normally, we don't start depleting the aquifer until about July. The bathtub will not be refilled until the rains (hopefully) return in November.

As of April 1, our entire system of aquifers and reservoirs was at 81 percent of its holding capacity, according to Joe Oliver, another Water Management District hydrologist.

'...100 foot drop in water table...'

Oliver estimates that by fall, the water table in the lower aquifer (west of Scarlett Road) could fall by as much as 100 feet close to the Cal-Am wells. As one moves away from the wells, the drawdown would be less. About 1,000 feet away, the drawdown may be 80 feet. Farther away from the wells, the water table may be drawn down 40 to 50 feet.

In the upper aquifer (east of Scarlett Road), drawdown may be localized around the wells at a maximum of 30 feet. These figures represent drawdown from the full capacity of the aquifer, not drawdown from the surface. They are preliminary figures, and the exact amount of drawdown will be influenced by factors that cannot be known with certainty at this time.

The impact of this drawdown on private wells is likely to be substantial. It will be different from 1977, however, because of the four new wells in the lower aquifer and other changes in water management practices. As compared with 1977, the impact may be less in the upper aquifer, because of less pumping there, but it will certainly be far greater west of Scarlett Road.

Bernardi says seven or eight property owners in her Meadows Road area had wells that went dry or had to be redrilled last summer. For a few individuals, these wells were their only water supply. For most, they were irrigation wells. Many more wells will go dry this summer. Oliver says, "We are going to see drawdowns greater than we've ever seen before." That is not because the drought is worse, but because Cal-Am pumping capacity in the lower Valley is so much greater. Water storage in the lower aquifer is already approaching the levels that occurred during the worst month of the 1977 drought, but there is still much capacity for more pumping.

The early drop in the water table will stress riverbank vegetation and cause it to lose its leaves early. It was stressed by the drier-than-normal winter of 1986-87, which caused trees to defoliate in August. A second year of even greater stress may be fatal.

The Water Management District operates an irrigation program to protect vegetation affected by the four new wells drilled in the lower Valley between Meadows Road and Rancho Canada. This program, partially paid for by Cal-Am, was mandated as a condition on the permit to drill the wells. Irrigation has been effective in protecting the riverbank vegetation, but it is not applied everywhere. Bernardi says there are many additional areas that will urgently need irrigation this spring and summer.

'...River bank irrigation Is being repaired...'

Private property owners and the Water Management District have undertaken a number of major projects to protect areas hardest hit by past erosion. In the last few years, for example, the Carmel River Management Program has planted 75,000 linear feet of willows to revegetate eroded areas. Most of those are not yet well enough established to survive the summer without irrigation.

The *Sun* asked Matthews, director of the Carmel River Management Program, to assess the potential for erosion caused by drought killing the vegetation now, as compared with after the 1976-77 drought. He said it will be easier for the river to cause damage now than it was in 1978. The channel was relatively stable in 1977. Since then, because of that drought, the channel has become unstable. One can see this in the sand bars that form in the channel and divert river flow against the fragile banks.

"The channel is already predisposed to erosion, because it has not yet recovered from the effects of the drought ten years ago. With the current unstable alignment, the erosion could be worse this time," Matthews advised. "On the other hand, the vegetation that is left is hardier. The marginal vegetation died during the last drought, so what remains is used to stress."

Matthews believes the places that didn't get hit with erosion before could be the most vulnerable in the future. "Where there have been erosion control projects with concrete riprap, those areas are rather well protected," according to Matthews.

Bernardi believes it is important for all Valley residents to understand how vulnerable we are to erosion if we don't protect the river banks. "Anyone who lives on the Valley floor may suddenly find they have riverfront property," Bernardi said. "It can endanger roads that people need to get home. The 1969 flood took out Robinson Canyon bridge and a section of Carmel Valley Road by Garland Park. Valley Road traffic had to detour via Miramonte."

'...steelhead nearing "remnant" run status...'

Even without drought, the Steelhead fishery in the Carmel River has been in trouble for some years. This is now the second year in a row without a normal Steelhead run, as there has been insufficient water for the upstream and downstream migration. A third such year could reduce the Steelhead to what the fishery experts call a "remnant" run.

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Drought!

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Strong river flows for upstream and downstream migration are not the only requirement for a healthy Steelhead fishery. For spawning, the fish need a gravel river bottom with water in the river year-round. They also need river bank vegetation for shade to keep the water cool, and to help provide insects for food.

Owing to the amount of water removed from the river system to provide the Peninsula water supply, these conditions have been only marginally suitable for the fishery for some years. The current drought makes the problem worse.

What can be done to minimize the effects of drought this summer is now being evaluated by an Environmental Advisory Committee formed by the Water Management District. The committee consists of representatives of California Department of Fish and Game, State Water Resources Control Board, Carmel River Steelhead Association, Carmel Valley Property Owners Association, as well as water board directors Nick Lombardo, Dick Heuer and James Hughes.

It was formed in response to a formal complaint from the Steelhead Association to the State Water Resources Control Board challenging Cal-Am's water rights. The complaint alleged that Cal-Am is illegally pumping the "underflow" of the Carmel River, and that this "has destroyed most of three age classes of Steelhead as well as numerous other aquatic species including many duck families totally destroyed."

'...seeking to avoid costly legal wars...'

The Steelhead Association complaint raised complex legal issues with potentially serious ramifications for Cal-Am and the water district. The committee was formed in an effort to resolve these issues without expensive law suits and a time-consuming state water rights hearing. The committee mandate is to evaluate and recommend measures to relieve stress on the Carmel River environment during the period before a new dam can be built.

Given the impending drought this year, urgent actions that might be taken this summer were added to the committee's agenda at its first meeting March 25.

Actions being considered by this committee include:

- Compiling predictions of Carmel Valley water table profiles, analyzing how the anticipated drawdown in the water table will affect private well owners, and notifying well owners of potential impacts.
- Requiring Cal-Am to provide additional water for irrigation around the four wells in the lower Valley. Initiating an irrigation program around Cal-Am's Stanton and Scarlet wells.
- Monitor entire river corridor for vegetation stress and notify property owners of areas in greatest need of irrigation. Identify areas that may need to be irrigated by the Water Management District and determine if and how this could be done.
- Identify the optimal water supply strategy for this summer — how much water to be taken through the filter plant at San Clemente Dam, from the upper and lower Carmel Valley aquifers, and from the Seaside aquifer.
- Support a program to rescue fish from isolated pools as the river dries up, then rear them in a pond for later release.
- Facilitate Cal-Am's development of additional well capacity in Seaside.

For each potential action, one must first determine whether it is feasible and desirable. One must then determine who is responsible for the work; whether the cost is paid by Cal-Am or the Water Management District; what regulatory authority the water district may have to require Cal-Am to take action; what environmental studies and approvals may be required before action can be taken; and how much legal liability may be incurred by either action or inaction by either the water company or the water district.

Bruce Buel, general manager of the Water Management District, is concerned that devoting staff time to getting through the drought may delay work on the longer term solution to our water problems, obtaining approval for a new dam.

Buel informed the *Sun* that potential actions being considered by the Environmental Advisory Committee "are not simple issues. We are dealing with tradeoffs at the policy level." There are tradeoffs between protecting the environment now and expediting the dam; protecting the environment and assuring an adequate municipal water supply; protecting the environment and keeping water costs down; and protecting the environment in the upper Valley versus protecting it in the lower Valley.

It remains to be seen how much can or will actually be done. The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, April 26, at 10 a.m. in the Colton Room of the Monterey Conference Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Editor's Note: The author of this article is a director of the Water Management District and, therefore, a participant in the subjects on which he is reporting. This gives him better access to information but makes it more difficult to report objectively.

What's Blooming?

By Marilyn Raynes

Trailing Ice Plant, usually known as Mesembryanthemum is a succulent perennial which tolerates drought once it is established. There are many bright orange ones blooming in and near the Village now. This particular plant is bright scarlet, and is called spectabilis, and blooms from March through May.

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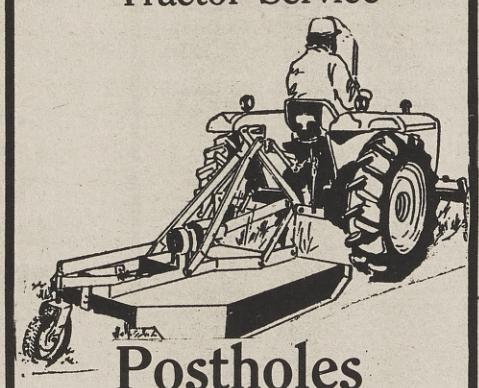
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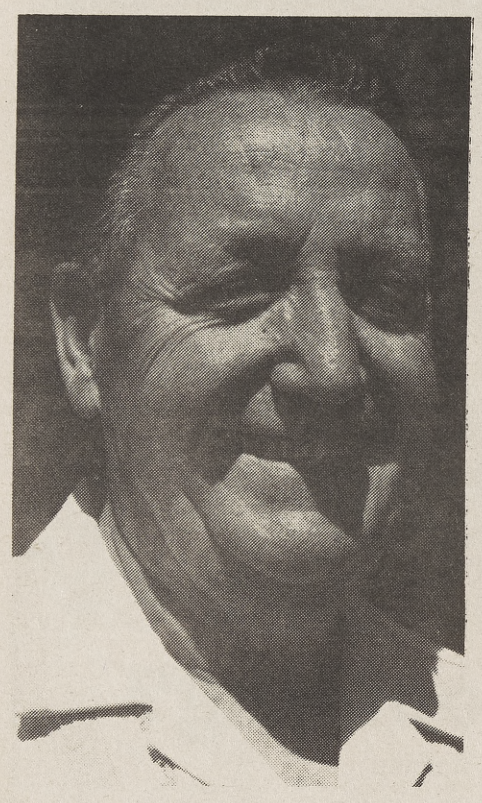

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PHYLLIS SHULTZ,
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I'd be in favor of radar if they also charged people who were going less than the speed limit, as has been my unpleasant experience this past month. I have followed people doing 35 to 40 miles per hour — that's dangerous, too.

VERA STOKES,
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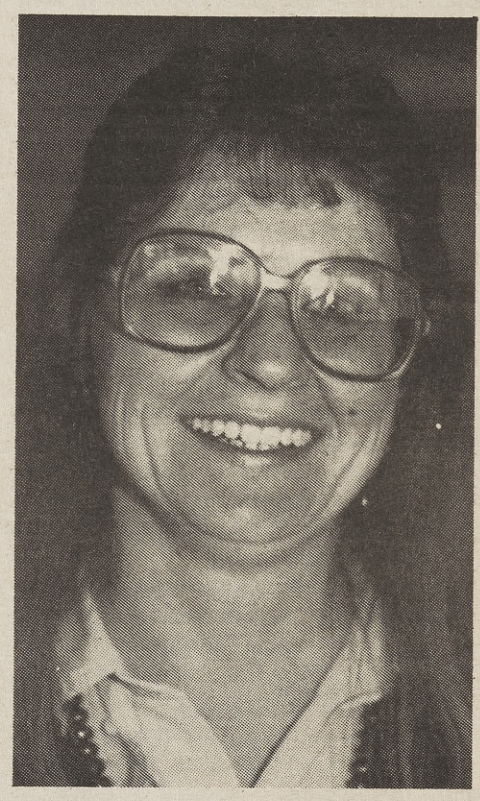

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